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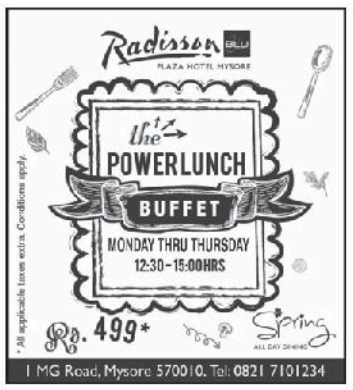

KSCA Cricket Stadium for city back in focus

Karnataka State Cricket Association Hon. President Roger Binny to meet MUDA authorities today

Roger Binny

Mysuru, Sept. 1 (RK&BCT)- The Karnataka State Cricket Association's (KSCA) plan to construct a state-of-the-art international Cricket Stadium in Mysuru has got traction with the scheduled visit of KSCA Hon. President Roger Binny to Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) at 3 pm today.

Binny will meet Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh to discuss the handing over of the land for the Stadium.

MUDA has already earmarked 19.30 acres of land for the Stadium at Hanchya Sathagalli Layout B Zone to the south of Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) on the Ring Road. The KSCA Mysuru Zone had sent a proposal to the MUDA seven years back for the land allotment to construct the international stadium.

The proposed KSCA Cricket Stadium will come up in the area adjacent to VTU building on Ring Road.

The proposal was approved in the MUDA meeting later and was agreed upon as the Stadium will boost cricket talent in the region (Mysuru, Mandya, Kodagu, Hassan and Chamarajanagar) and at the same time will contribute to the development of allied infrastructure, tourism and connectivity projects.

After the MUDA decided to allot 19.30-acre land on a 30-year extendable lease to KSCA, the proposal was sent to the Urban Development Department for approval. This is a suitable land as it is located at a prime locality on the Ring Road where four roads meet and there is good connectivity to Bengaluru.

The proposal to the Government was prepared by the MUDA's town planning section and has been sent to the Urban Development Department and so far there is no word of approval. Meanwhile, the KSCA wrote to MUDA on the land allotment later and sought permanent hand over instead of an extendable lease.

The KSCA feels that a lease agreement is not workable as crores of rupees will be invested on the Stadium and a permanent land transfer would help boost cricketing activity in this region. The KSCA has also sought concessional rates when the MUDA hands over the land.

Awaiting Government nod

MUDA officers told *Star of Mysore* that the ball is in the Government Court. "We have no powers to permanently hand over the land to anyone and the Government has to approve the same. Also, we have apprised the Government on the demand for concessional land rates. It is up to the Government to decide," officers said.

(See STADIUM on page 6)

Bike-car collision video at Panchavati Circle goes viral

Students thrown 10 ft. in air and crash-land

Mysuru, Sept. 1 (RK&BCT)- A shocking video of a speeding bike hitting a crossing car near the busy Panchavati Circle signal has gone viral, bringing back the focus on reckless riding and violation of traffic signals on the city streets.

The incident occurred on Sunday afternoon on the Kalidasa Road-Panchavati Circle and due to the impact of the accident, the bike rider and the pillion flung 10 ft. above and crash-landed four feet away from their bike.

Though the car was driving slowly, the bike rider hit the vehicle at great speed.

The visuals were captured by a passerby on his mobile phone.

The bike rider has been identified as Sagar and Priyanka was his pillion. Both of them had a miraculous escape. The duo was coming from Mathrumandali Circle towards Chandrakala Hospital at 2.30 pm on a Bajaj Platina bike after their CET exams.

A Maruti Swift car, coming from B.M. Habitat Mall side, was proceeding towards Gokulam.

(See COLLISION on page 6)

Rising prices of essential commodities deal a big blow

- **Domestic LPG - Rs. 889.50 for 14.2 kg cylinder**
- **Petrol - Rs. 104.33 per litre; Diesel - Rs. 93.72 per litre**

Mysuru, Sept. 1 (RK&DM)- Even as consistently rising prices of essential commodities have hit the people hard, the State-run Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), in yet another blow to the common man, hiked the price of non-subsidised LPG cylinder by Rs. 25, with effect from today. This is the second consecutive hike in a span of 15 days.

However, the oil companies slashed the prices of Petrol and Diesel by a few paise today after a week's break.

As per the revised price, the new rate of Domestic LPG Cylinder (14.2 kg) stands at Rs. 889.50 (earlier Rs. 864.50) and that of 5 kg at Rs. 327.50, while that of Non-Domestic-Non Essential Commercial Cylinder of 5 kg is Rs. 528.50, 19 kg - Rs. 1742, 35 kg - Rs. 3,209 and 47.5 kg - Rs. 4,351.50.

All these rates are effective from today (Sept.1). In just three months, Domestic LPG Cylinder prices have gone up by Rs. 75. This is a big blow to citizens, especially those from financially weaker sections of the society, with the common man already reeling under the effects of COVID-19 pandemic, which has continued to cause havoc across the globe.

While the price of petrol stood at Rs. 104.33/ litre and that of diesel at Rs. 93.72/ litre.

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STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 1st September 2021

G.S. Kamala Memorial concert at Ganabharathi on Sept. 3

Vid. Srikanth *Vid. Bhaskar* *Vid. Ramanujan* *Vid. Ramesh*

Mysuru, Sept. 1- Ganabharathi has organised a vocal concert in memory of Vidu. G. S. Kamala on Sept. 3 at 6 pm at Veene Seshanna Bhavana in Kuvempunagar.

Vid. G. Srikanth, a well-known artiste from Chennai, will present a vocal recital accompanied by Vid.H.N. Bhaskar on violin, Vid. G. S. Ramanujan on mridanga and Vid.V.S. Ramesh on morching. The concert will also be available on Ganabharathi Facebook page and Ganabharathi YouTube channel, according to a press release from Secretary T.S. Venugopal.

Temporary teaching posts at CAVA: Applications invited

Mysuru, Sept. 1- The city's Chamarajendra Government College of Visual Arts (CAVA), Siddarthanagar, has invited applications from eligible candidates for appointment as Guest Lecturers (both Theory and Practicals) and Resource Persons in various Departments on a temporary basis for a period of one year.

The vacant positions in each Department are as follows:

Drawing (5 posts), Graphics (3 posts), Sculpture (3 posts), Applied Arts (2 posts), Photography and Photo Journalism (3 posts), Art History (4 posts), Kannada (1 post), English (1 post), Hindi (1 post), Environmental Studies (1 post), Indian Constitution (1 post) and Computer Application (1 post).

Post-Graduates in the concerned subject are eligible to apply. The last date for submission of application forms is Sept. 9. The appointment will be made through a direct interview to take place at the Institute on Sept.13. For more details, call Ph: 0821- 2438931 or 2438930.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

THE RETURN OF PHCs POST-PANDEMIC: ***We are at a critical juncture of our social and economic life as a nation, having completed 74 years of independence and 30 years of economic liberalisation. There is now a growing realisation both in Government and the general citizenry that post-liberalisation, the health and primary education sectors are not in good shape and have to be set right if India has to take its place in the comity of nations. There are around 25,650 Primary Health Centres (PHCs) across the country with 61% of them having only one doctor and 7.6% of them having none.***

India now needs to go back to the drawing board and recast its healthcare system in favour of a bottoms-up approach of PHCs designed on the lines of the Bhore Committee report. Adequate funds have to be made available for this exercise. At present, a paltry sum of a little over 1% of the GDP is spent by the Government on healthcare. Without the backing of funds, the lofty schemes are only wishful thinking. Only a healthy and robust citizenry can drive economic growth. One of the unintended consequences of the pandemic has been the revival of the PHC. Many of us, who had never been inside a PHC, now found ourselves taking our COVID vaccinations in one of them and it has been a pleasant experience. It is hoped that these institutions have come to stay and will continue to serve the health needs of the people even after the pandemic.

— Lalita Chandrashekhar in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Roller coaster closes as riders break their bones

Tokyo: Do-Dodonpa, the world's fastest-accelerating roller coaster, has been temporarily closed after a number of people broke their backs or necks after riding it in the last nine months.

Located in the Fuji-Q Highland Park, in Fujiyoshida, Japan, the Do-Dodonpa roller coaster has been operating since 2001, offering riders an adrenaline-fueled experience. It is famous for being able to accelerate from 0 to 180km (112 miles) per hour in just 1.56 seconds, which makes it the world's fastest-accelerating roller coaster.

Despite its "super death" speed, Do-Dodonpa had never been associated with rider injuries until December of last year, when people started suffering bone injuries after going on the roller-coaster. Six cases have been reported since, four of which involved broken back or necks.

This chicken breed looks like a colouring picture

London: The Sebright is a popular breed of ornamental chickens whose laced plumage makes white specimens look like living, breathing colour-by-number drawings.

Named after Sir John Saunders Sebright, this popular chicken breed is a true bantam – a miniature bird with no corresponding large version – as well as one of the oldest British bantams and the first poultry to have its own dedicated fan club. Their small size means they are not kept for meat production and they also lay tiny white eggs. This is a purely decorative breed whose laced plumage makes it stand out to enthusiasts. In the UK, only two variants of the Sebright are officially recognized – gold and silver – both of have plumage laced with black at the edges.

HEALTH CAPSULE

The introduction of anesthesia changed the world of Surgery. Surgery could slow down - become more accurate and could move into 'forbidden areas' of abdomen, chest and brain. Once ether was used then further inhalational agents were introduced

By Dr. Balasubramanyam P K - Consultant – Anesthesiology

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Diploma Courses at JSS Polytech for Differently-abled students

Mysuru, Sept. 1- JSS Polytechnic for the Differently-abled, Mysuru, has invited applications from differently-abled students for admission (on All India basis) to the following three-year diploma courses for the year 2021-22: Architecture; Commercial Practice; Computer Science and Engineering (Aided Courses); Jewellery Design and Technology; Electronics and Communication Engineering and Computer Applications for the Visually Impaired (Unaided Courses).

Eligibility: A pass in SSLC or its equivalent examination with minimum 35% marks along with nature and degree of disability — Orthopaedically Disabled, Hearing Impaired, Partial and Total Visual Impaired.

Financial assistance through National and State Scholarships to eligible students are available. Campus placements are facilitated along with separate hostel facilities for both boys and girls.

For applications and details, visit: *www.jsspda.org* or contact Ph: 0821 - 2548315, 2548316 or Mob: 98446-44937.

The filled in forms should be submitted to the Polytechnic Office before Sept. 8 with copies of necessary documents, according to a press release.

REALLY...?

- ***Ancient Greeks used pumice, talc, alabaster, coral powder or iron rust as toothpaste.***
- ***George Washington never had wooden teeth. His dentures were made from gold, hippopotamus tusk, elephant ivory and human teeth!***
- ***In 1905, Dental Assistant Irene Newman was trained to clean teeth. She became the first Dental Hygienist.***
- ***The average amount of money left by the tooth fairy in 1950 was 25 cents. In 1988 it was $1.00, the going rate now is $2.00.***
- ***More than 300 types of bacteria make up dental plaque.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Santa and Banta are walking on a road and they find a 1,000 rupee note lying down.

Santa : *What should we do now?*

Banta: *We'll take 50:50.*

Santa: *What about the remaining 900?!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 72.98
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 100.40
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.87
1 Euro	= Rs. 86.15

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	AUGUST 30	AUGUST 31
Day's Positive Cases	73	127
Total Positive Cases	1,75,952	1,76,079
Day's Discharges	76	78
Total Discharges	1,72,618	1,72,696
Day's Deaths	0	4
Total Deaths	2,358	2,362
Total Active Cases	976	1,021

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

Tribute to Sr. Annette from a friend

Sir,

This is to thank K.B. Ganapathy for the tribute dedicated to Sr. Annette under the title ***"No X-mas cake to my sister Reverend Sr. Annette"*** in his *Abracadabra* column *(SOM* dated Aug.30).

Sr. Annette

My late husband David Syiem IAS, who was the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner and I, had the honour and privilege of knowing Sr. Annette when we lived in Mysuru. She started as my Head of the History Department in Teresian College and my Principal, and that was just the beginning of many many years of friendship, which unfortunately ended when she passed away on August 28.

The problems she had as the Principal of Teresian College — blocked sewage, burst pipes, poor drainage and the likes — brought her into close contact with my late husband who she affectionately called 'Syiem'.

Her personality and outgoing ways helped our connection to cross the boundaries of formality and develop into a close knit and strong bondage called friendship.

When she went on a cruise to Singapore she asked me what I wanted. I said I wanted a blow dryer. Then blow dryers were a prized possession for ladies. She did bring me one and old fashion as it looks today, I still treasure and use it.

After we moved to Bengaluru, our friendship continued. She was among the first on my doorstep when Syiem suddenly passed away. She remained a constant support for me through my difficult times and rejoiced with me when I remarried. It is a coincidence that she shares the same birthday with my husband Vikram.

Our friendship and connection never faltered over the years, even though sometimes millions of miles separated us. Birthday and Christmas cards handwritten, were a joy to receive through the years.

When I returned to India, it was even more lovely to hear her voice over the phone, especially when she always greeted me with 'my Jenny.' I tried to keep the phone contact going every week especially during the pandemic. She shared all her challenges with me, when she was forced to live in Kerala indefinitely.

She would ask for prayers and never forgot to tell me that she prayed for me everyday. I must not forget to mention also the fondness she had for my son Veeru. She never forgot to ask over the years, how is 'my Veeru' in our phone conversations.

Two weeks before she passed away, I lost touch with her. I regret that I did not have the chance to say 'goodbye'. I have one less person to pray for me but I know she lovingly looks down on all her friends and loved ones. I miss her tremendously.

She was a wonderful role model to me and I am sure to many who had the privilege of learning under her and knowing her. God must have greeted her in heaven with these words from Matthew 25:21, *"Well done, good and faithful servant..."*

— Jennifer Bhide

Bengaluru

31.8.2021

NOTE: *I knew David Syiem personally and had shared a dinner, along with his wife, in my brother's house. He was one of the most lovable IAS Officers I have met. He was also one of the very few most responsive and people-friendly Corporation Commissioners our city had.*

Syiem, who served as the Commissioner of MCC from 1977-1979, had made headlines in national and local papers when he sat on the pillion of a tax-payer's scooter who had complained about bad roads and rode around the city for personal inspection.

I was not aware of Sister Annette's contact with Syiem and his wife until I read his wife's letter published above.

My greatest regret is that despite my sister (Rev. Sr. Annette) wanting to visit my house and mentioned about it several times, I was not able to fulfill her desire. Somehow our dates did not suit — sometimes for her and sometimes for me. **— K. B. Ganapathy**

After much delay, *Ambaari* to start city rounds from Sept. 4

Mysuru, Sept. 1 (PM&BCT)- After running into rough weather a couple of times just when the time-table is announced, the much- delayed and much-hyped *Ambaari* double-decker hop-on and hop-off services will begin from Sept. 4 (Saturday) to coincide with the weekend.

The State Government has lifted weekend curfew from Mysuru as COVID cases have declined and also following demand from hotel and hospitality sector to relax curbs. But a lot depends on the day of the inaugural run as the success of *Ambaari* hinges on the public response.

If people shy away from the facility like it happened on Aug. 1 when the bus was all set to take tourists around Mysuru for the first time after many trials, the authorities have to again put off the run and take a call on the next launch date.

A press release from the Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC) Chairman Ka. Pu. Siddalingaswamy said that the tour will begin from Sept. 4 at 9.30 am and will be operated at different schedules till 5.30 pm.

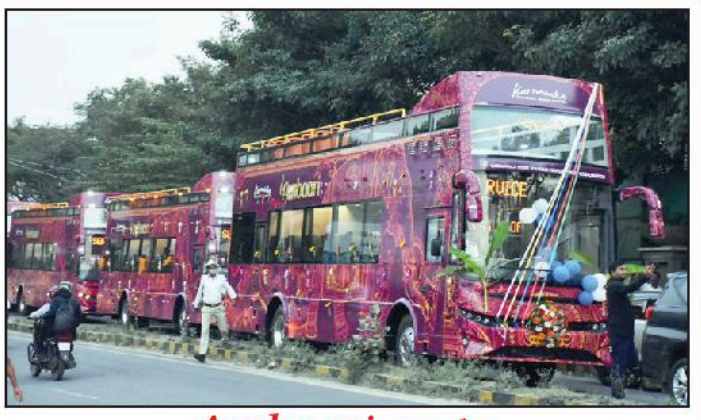
Each passenger will be charged Rs. 250 for a round trip of the city covering 35 tourist-interest places.

Tourists will get an audio guide the moment the bus reaches the tourist sites identified on the route. The audio will be available in two languages in the beginning — Kannada and English — and the KSTDC has plans to add a couple of foreign languages later.

The inaugural run on Aug. 1 could not happen as there was poor response and also, tourists from Kerala were missing in Mysuru as the pandemic had raised its head again in the neighbouring State.

Another reason for the poor response was the weekend curfew and entry ban to Sri Chamundeshwari Temple during Ashada month.

Now that the weekend curfew has been lifted, it remains to be seen how the tourists respond to the Sept. 4 date. For details contact Ph: 0821-2423652.



Ambaari route

The *Ambaari* route starting from KSTDC Office at Hotel Mayura Hoysala on JLB Road covers Deputy Commissioner's Office, Kukkarahalli Lake, Crawford Hall, Ramaswamy Circle, Sanskrit Patashaala, K.R. Circle, Dodda Gadiyara (Silver Jubilee Clock Tower), Palace South Gate, Hardinge Circle, Mysuru Zoo, Karanji Lake, Government Guest House, St. Philomena's Church, Bannimantap, Government Ayurveda College Circle, Railway Station Circle and culminates at Hotel Mayura Hoysala.

KSRTC asks students to apply for bus pass

Mysuru, Sept.1- With most Schools and Colleges, starting from 9th standard and above having re-opened for physical classes after a gap of nearly one-and-a-half-years and classes from 6th to 8th standards set to reopen from Sept. 6, the KSRTC has asked the students to apply for concessional student bus pass.

The students after applying through Seva Sindhu portal *https://sevasinduservices.karnataka.gov.in,* are required to produce the required documents at their respective Schools or Colleges along with the acknowledgement for having applied for bus pass.

Later, the concerned Schools and Colleges should certify the submitted documents and send the same to KSRTC along with corresponding fees, following which bus pass will be issued.

With the facility of online application in place, the students need not have to come to KSRTC counters seeking bus passes, according to a KSRTC release. The release further said that the issuance of bus pass has commenced from Aug.28.

Open House at NIE

Mysuru, Sept.1- The National Institute of Engineering (NIE), Mysuru, is conducting "Open House" event to showcase its facilities to the prospective student community and general public on Sept.3 (Friday) between 10 am and 5 pm.

On Open House Day, prospective students and the public will have an opportunity to visit the Institute and go around the campus to explore the laboratory and teaching facilities in various Departments.

Demonstrations and exhibitions will be held along with presentation from the Department Heads to showcase the strengths and placement opportunities. Apart from this, campus tour to state-of-the-art research centres, library, Gymkhana and Hostels has been arranged. COVID norms will be followed as per GoK guidelines.

Open House will be inaugurated by Harsha Kikkeri, CEO - HoloSuit Pte Ltd., at 10 am at NIE Diamond Jubilee Block. Dr. M.S.Ranganath, President, NIE-MC, will preside. For details contact S.R. Gaikwad, Public Relation Executive on Mob: +91 99459-96228 or Prof. H. Pradeep on Mob: +91 99863-77719.

Obituary

Machanda Boby Biddappa

Mysuru, Sept. 1- Machanda Boby Biddappa (65), son of late M.S. Muthappa, passed away at Kodagu this morning.

His body was brought to his residence in Mysuru at No. 80, 4th Main, 1st Cross, Nethajinagar, Alanahalli.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, daughter-in-law and a host of relatives and friends. Cremation took place at Harishchandra Ghat at the foot of Chamundi Hill in Mysuru at 4 pm, according to family sources.

NEWS BRIEFS

Diploma admission

JSS Polytechnic, Nanjangud, has invited applications from eligible students for admission to first and second year of three-year Diploma course (2021-22) in Mechanical, Electronics & Communication, Civil, Computer Science, Mechatronics and Electrical & Electronics. SSLC, PUC (Science stream) and ITI passed candidates are eligible to apply. Last date to apply is Sept. 15. [Ph: 08221-226491 or 98866-18231]

Hostel admission

TNN Adarsha Vidyarthi Nilaya (Dalit Students Hostel), N.R. Mohalla, has invited applications from eligible SC/ST students for admission to the hostel (2021-22). Admission is open for students studying in fifth to tenth standards. Application forms are available at the hostel office during working hours. For details, contact Ph: 0821-4244399 or 4245699 or Mob: 97393-85079 or 96867-68828.

Coaching classes

Krishik Sarvodaya Foundation has invited applications from eligible candidates for admission to UPSC (IAS) and KPSC (KAS) exams coaching classes. The coaching is available in both online/offline mode. Poor and deserving talented students will be given Endowment Student Scholarship. Last date to register is Sept. 4. Classes will commence from Sept. 6. Visit the Foundation office located on Gen. K.S. Thimmaiah Road, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage. Students can also register through e-mail: *ksf.mysorebranch@gmail.com* [Ph: 0821-2301564 or Mob: 99457-52592 or 96116-05678]

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	117.14	feet
Yesterday	:	117.44	feet
Inflow	:	5,670	cusecs
Outflow	:	9,675	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,280.64	feet
Inflow	:	4,736	cusecs
Outflow	:	6,750	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,858.16	feet
Inflow	:	2,471	cusecs
Outflow	:	1,808	cusecs

Periyapatna Rotary comes in aid of youth suffering from eye disease

Youth undergoes surgery free of cost at an Eye Hospital in Mysuru

Periyapatna, Sept. 1 (Veeresh &KS)- An 18-year-old youth, who was suffering from severe eye disease, which could have made him lose his vision, was operated upon free of cost at a private eye hospital in Mysuru. Thanks to Rotary Periyapatna and the initiative taken by Past Rotary 3181 Assistant Governor B.V. Javaregowda for helping the youth and getting the surgery done for free.

Theerthaprasad (Tejas), a resident of Nehru Circle, the only son to his parents, is the youth. He distributes *Star of Mysore* newspaper in the town and also takes up other works for a living. He had to stop pursuing his education due to financial issues and was taking care of his ailing father. After his father passed away a few months ago, Tejas took up the responsibility of his family comprising his mother and others. But fate played a game with Tejas, who suddenly picked up an eye disease which severely affected his livelihood.

Tejas then consulted Dr. Pramod, an Ophthalmologist at Periyapatna Government Hospital, who apprised Tejas about the disease (corneal disease) and told him that surgery was the only way to save his vision.

Dr. Prashanth

B.V. Javaregowda

After providing first-aid, Dr. Pramod advised him (Tejas) to get himself admitted to K.R. Hospital in Mysuru.

Corneal disease is a serious condition that can cause clouding, distortion, scarring and eventually blindness.

Periyapatna *Star of Mysore* representative, who took up the responsibility of getting Tejas treated at K.R. Hospital, contacted a few senior journalists in Mysuru, who in turn contacted a few eye specialists at K.R. Hospital for providing treatment to Tejas. Meanwhile, K.R. Hospital doctors, who checked Tejas' eyes, told him to get himself treated at a private hospital. But Tejas became depressed after learning about the cost for the surgery.

Again, *Star of Mysore* Periyapatna representative swung into action and contacted B.V. Javaregowda, a well-known senior advocate of the town and Past Rotary 3181 Assistant Governor, to help young Tejas. Javaregowda immediately responded to the request and contacted Rtn. Dr. Prashanth, an eye specialist at Madikeri and requested him to provide treatment to Tejas.

Dr. Prashanth, who assured of helping Tejas, contacted Dr. Pallavi Prabhu of the private hospital in Mysuru and requested her to provide treatment and also perform the surgery besides assuring Dr. Pallavi that the cost would be borne by Rotary.

Finally, the surgery was performed successfully at the private eye hospital in Mysuru on Aug. 20 and Tejas' eyes were saved, following the initiative taken up by Rtn. Javaregowda and Rtn. Dr. Prashanth.

One day, I began to suffer from severe eye problem and unable to bear it, I immediately went to Periyapatna Hospital, where the Doctor, who examined me, told me about the disease I was suffering. I became depressed and was unable to do anything when Rotary organisation came to my help. Rotary not only got the disease cured but also gave me a new lease of life. I am thankful to everyone, who came to my help.

—Theerthaprasad (Tejas)

Humanity is very important to a man and responding to people's problem shows the real value of humanitarian concern. Here, the help of Rtn. Dr. Prashanth played a very important role in getting the youth treated.

—Rtn. B.V. Javaregowda,
Past Rotary 3181 Assistant Governor

'Declare barbers as unorganised workers'

Urges Mysuru District Savitha Samaja President

Mysuru, Sept. 1 (SPN&AK)- "Declare barbers as unorganised workers," demanded President of Mysuru District Savitha Samaja N.R. Nagesh.

During a programme held at the Savitha Samaja Office in Tilaknagar, where grocery kits were distributed by the Labour Department to all workers recently, Nagesh said, "It has been 74 years since India got Independence, yet there is no educational, financial and political equality given to the people of Savitha Samaja. I demand the State Government to declare barbers as unorganised workers."

"Also many workers are suffering financially due to COVID-19 pandemic which affected the business, so the Government should provide financial help to the workers. I appreciate the work of the Labour Department for giving moral support by providing grocery kits to the workers," he added.

District Labour Officer Rajesh Jadhav said, "People of Savitha Samaja should utilise the benefits given by the State Government. Community leader Nagesh and his team has worked hard towards the development of Savitha Samaja besides helping many workers financially during the time of COVID."

City General Secretary Harish Reddy, Raju Reddy, Charanraj, Srinivas, Premkumar, Shankar, Sridhar, Prasanna, Santhosh, Mahesh and others were present during the programme.

Railway employees seek fulfillment of demands

Stage protest in front of DRM's office

Mysuru, Sept. 1 (PM&DM)- Seeking fulfilment of their various demands, which chiefly included dropping of privatisation and Corporatisation moves, Railway employees, under the banner of Nairuthya Railway Mazdoor Sangh (NRMS), staged a demonstration in front of the Divisional Railway Manager's (DRM) office near the City Railway Station here yesterday.

The demands included filling up of vacancies in safety categories, payment of risk allowance to Points Men working in Major Yards and to other categories, a reduction in beat length of Key Men and Night Patrol Men, opportunities to all category staff in LDCE, implementation of 8-hour roster for Senior Track Maintainers and Gate Keepers, scrapping of NPS and restoration of Old Pension and enhancement of PLB ceiling limit from the present Rs. 7,000 to Rs. 18,000, among others.

Later the protesting employees presented a memorandum containing their charter of demands to the DRM.

NRMS office-bearers Y. Goverdhan, Raviraj Sagar, C. Channabasappa, J.R. Rakesh and others led the protest.

BJP State in-Charge Arun Singh likely to be replaced

by Dharmendra Pradhan or Kishan Reddy

Bengaluru, Sept. 1 (KMS& DM)- Even as BJP's Karnataka party in-Charge Arun Singh is on a three-day visit to the State, the BJP leadership is said to be mulling on replacing him with either Dharmendra Pradhan or Kishan Reddy, who are both Union Ministers.

Arun Singh *Dharmendra Pradhan* *Kishan Reddy*

The BJP top brass is said to be unhappy with Singh's failure to stem internal bickerings in Karnataka BJP unit, even after B.S. Yediyurappa was replaced by Basavaraj Bommai as the Chief Minister.

Also some leaders of the State were unhappy with the style of functioning of Arun Singh, who is accused of failing to take any action against those leaders who openly gave statements targeting a few party leaders.

Arun Singh's statements that always favoured Yediyurappa and his son B.Y. Vijayendra whenever complaints were raised against them, have not been taken kindly by the party leadership.

Arun Singh is said to be a relative of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and hence party leaders from the State tried to influence Arun through Rajnath Singh, which also has been taken note of by the BJP High Command. Now with Karnataka Assembly polls two years away, the BJP top brass wants to put its Karnataka Unit in order ahead of the Assembly polls.

The party leadership, believing that Arun Singh cannot lead the party to a win in the Assembly polls, is said to be strongly considering replacing him with either Dharmendra Pradhan or Kishan Reddy. While Dharmendra Pradhan has the experience of being the Party in-Charge of Karnataka earlier, Kishan Reddy, who hails from neighbouring Telangana, is aware of the ongoings in the party and can handle the Karnataka party unit well.

City Top Cop issues

vehicle parking guidelines on New Kantharaj Urs Road

Mysuru, Sept. 1 (KS)- In a bid to control traffic on selected roads coming under Krishnaraja (KR) Traffic Police, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta on Aug. 30 has issued an order pertaining to 'Parking' and 'No Parking' on New Kantharaj Urs Road.

The said road comes under KR Traffic Police limits and also under Saraswathipuram Police (Law and Order). As New Kantharaj Urs Road comprises commercial complexes and other business establishments, the density of traffic has been increasing day by day. Also, vehicles are being parked in a haphazard manner on both sides of the road, it was causing problems for the smooth movement of vehicles. Hence, the City Top Cop has issued guidelines on parking on the said road and has issued an order.

Road and parking guidelines

From Sharadadevinagar Bus Stand till Vaishnavi Sweets Stall: Vehicles are allowed to park on the north side from 1st to 15th and from 16th to 31st on the South side; **Road in front of MCC Zone-3 Office:** Two-wheelers are allowed to park on the road's southern end (30 mts); **From Akshaya Super Bazar till Ring Road Junction:** Light Motor Vehicles (LMV) are allowed to park on the roads northern side end.

BSY to undertake Statewide tour after Ganesha Festival

Bengaluru, Sept. 1 (UNI)- After a brief interval, former Karnataka Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa (BSY) is all set to undertake a Statewide tour after Ganesha Festival. "After the Ganesha Festival, the State President, District in-Charge Ministers and myself will sit together and discuss the districts to be visited for strengthening the party and preparing for elections. There is no question of me alone undertaking the tour. We all together will visit the districts," he told reporters on Saturday.

This statement is important in the light of a vow he took soon after he resigned as CM. He had clearly stated that he would not retire to a peaceful life as other senior party leaders had in the past.

B.S. Yediyurappa

He had said he would not rest until he would undertake a Statewide tour to strengthen the party and bring it back to power in the 2023 election.

So after a brief sojourn, Yediyurappa has made his promised Statewide tour plan public.

The political pundits, however, see this as an attempt by the Lingayat strongman to reinvigorate his mass image and shape the political future of his sons B.Y. Raghavendra and B.Y. Vijayendra. Raghavendra is an MP, while Vijayendra is State BJP Vice-President. Political pundits also expect Yediyurappa to play a vital role in distribution of tickets in the next Assembly election. They already have seen his stamp in the induction of his men into Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai's Cabinet.

Yediyurappa is a never-say-die politician who hardly relaxed in his entire political career whether he was in power or not.

By engaging in the Statewide tour, Yediyurappa wants to send a strong message to his opponents in the party that his political domination has not ended.

Suspected murder

Police take two into custody

Mysuru, Sept. 1 (KS)- Saraswathipuram Police have taken two persons into custody on suspicion of murdering an auto driver, who was reported missing and are interrogating the suspects.

An auto driver, residing at Sharadadevinagar, had gone missing about three-four days ago and his family members had lodged a missing complaint with Saraswathipuram Police.

The Police, while conducting investigation, suspected that the missing person may have been murdered and took two persons including the friend of the missing person into custody and interrogated them.

The Police, who came to know that the missing person's friend had murdered him and had buried the body in an empty space on Bogadi Road, conducted a spot inspection on Tuesday night. As the body has to be exhumed in the presence of Tahsildar, the Police have not confirmed the case.

Footpath encroachment

11 cases booked, Rs. 3,000 fine collected

Mysuru, Sept. 1 (KS)- Mysuru City Traffic Police, who are conducting drives to clear footpath encroachments, continued their drives in city yesterday and have registered a total of 11 cases besides collecting Rs. 3,000 as fines from encroachers.

Yesterday, Krishnaraja, Narasimharaja, Siddarthanagar and V.V. Puram Traffic Police personnel conducted the drives on New Kantharaj Urs Road, Kabir Road, Dr. Rajkumar Road and Gen. Cariappa Road and booked 8 cases under Karnataka Police Act and 3 cases under Indian Motor Vehicle Act besides collecting fines from those encroaching footpaths.

DCP (Crime and Traffic) M.S. Geetha Prasanna and ACP (Traffic) S.E. Gangadharswamy guided Inspectors and staff of all Traffic Police Stations in the footpath encroachment clearance drives, according to a press release from the Police.

COVID Vaccine Fest to be held once a week, says Minister

Chikkaballapur, Sept. 1- With Schools and Colleges at all levels likely to reopen next month, Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar said that a COVID Vaccine Festival (Utsava) will be held once a week in the State.

Speaking to press persons at Sidlaghatta Taluk in Chikkaballapur district on Sunday, Dr. Sudhakar said that Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai will launch the Vaccine Fest soon.

Dr. K. Sudhakar

Maintaining that 4 crore doses of vaccine has been utilised in the State so far, he said that the State Government has appealed the Union Health Minister to provide more than 5 lakh doses per day to Karnataka.

Pointing out that it has been planned to vaccinate 5 lakh people every day, he said that on the Festival day, it has been planned to jab 15 lakh to 20 lakh eligible population.

Stating that Bengaluru will be given first preference in vaccination of people as the city has over one crore population, the Health Minister said that measures have been taken to expedite vaccination of slum residents.

K.B. Ganapathy takes over as BVB Mysuru Kendra Chairman

K.B. Ganapathy took charge as the new Chairman of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru Kendra, from outgoing Chairman Prof. A.V. Narasimha Murthy at a function held at BVB premises in Vijayanagar this morning. Seen are (from left) Committee Members: Wg. Cdr. (Retd.) S.C. Balasubramanyam, Dr. Tulasi Ramachandra, T.S. Gangadhar, Dr. J.V. Gayathri, B. Yogeesh; K.B. Ganapathy, H.N. Suresh, Director, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Bangalore, Prof. A.V. Narasimha Murthy, Hon. Treasurer Dr. A.T. Bhashyam, and Hon. Secretary P.S. Ganapathy.

Mysuru, Sept. 1- K.B. Ganapathy, Vice-Chairman, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), has been appointed as the Chairman of the Bhavan's Mysuru Kendra Committee.

K.B. Ganapathy took charge as the Chairman this morning at BVB Mysuru Kendra Office, Vijayanagar, in the presence of the Committee Members and H.N. Suresh, Director, BVB, Bengaluru, who is the Central Bhavan Nominee.

Prof. A.V. Narasimha Murthy (AVN), who was the Chairman of BVB Mysuru Kendra, handed over charge and felicitated K.B. Ganapathy with a shawl and a bouquet.

KSCA Cricket Stadium for city back in focus

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The approval issue by the Government, concession rates and also the permanent handing over of land for the Stadium are expected to figure during Roger Binny's meeting with Dr. Natesh.

Meanwhile, in another development, based on the directives issued by the District Minister and Mysuru MP, the MUDA has permitted the Mysuru City Corporation to dump construction debris in the land that has been earmarked for the stadium.

"The land is not level and has many ups and downs. Dumping of construction debris will help level the land and as such, the MCC has been allowed to dump brick and mortar," MUDA officers reasoned.

MLA Tanveer Sait had raised the issue in Assembly

In March this year, Minister for Youth Empowerment and Sports K.C. Narayanagowda cold-shouldered the KSCA Stadium proposal to Mysuru. Replying to a question raised by Narasimharaja MLA and former Minister Tanveer Sait, the Minister had said that so far the Department has not made any plans for the construction of a cricket stadium in Mysuru.

However, when Sait insisted that the Stadium is much needed in Mysuru which is Karnataka's second-biggest city and already land is available, the Minister had replied that he would facilitate talks and explore the option of building an international -level cricket stadium in Mysuru on a Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) model.

Narayanagowda further assured that he would call for a meeting with officers and elected representatives from Mysuru to discuss the issue. While the State Government would pool in Rs. 25 crore for the stadium, the Centre will grant Rs. 25 crore, the Minister had said.

Public campaigning ends for MCC Ward 36 by-poll

Voting on Sept.3 from 7 am till 6 pm

Mysuru, Sept.1 (DM) - The public campaigning for MCC Ward 36 (Yaraganahalli and Ambedkar Colony) by-poll ended today with the candidates of all the three major political parties — BJP, Congress and JD(S) — making a last lap effort to woo the voters. The Ward is witnessing a three-cornered contest between the three parties, with no other candidate remaining in the fray. The polling will take place on Sept.3 from 7 am till 6 pm and the counting of votes will be taken up on Sept.6 from 8 am.

The by-poll was necessitated by the annulment of the election of Rukmini Madegowda of the JD(S) by the Karnataka High Court on the grounds of submission of inappropriate documents on assets owned by her in the 2018 MCC polls.

The voting will take place at 11 booths in 3 polling centres spread across the Ward — Maulana Azad Residential School for Girls, Teachers Colony, Yaraganahalli (3 booths), Vijaya Convent, Yaraganahalli (3 booths) and Government Higher Primary School, Yaraganahalli (5 booths). There are a total of 10,656 voters, including 5,268 male, 5,385 female and 3 other category voters.

The mustering will take place tomorrow (Sept.2) and de-mustering on Sept.3 at Maharaja Sanskrit Patashala on Sayyaji Rao Road.

The model code of conduct in the limits of the Ward, which has been in place since the issuance of poll notification on Aug.23, will continue till Sept.6.

The sale of liquor in the limits of the Ward and also within 3-km radius of the Ward has been banned from 7 am on the morning of Sept.2 till midnight of Sept.3.

Also, the city Police have issued prohibitory orders under Section 144 of CrPC in 100 mt.radius of all the 11 booths from 6 am till 8 pm on the date of polling. Besides, all fairs, festivals and other public gatherings have been banned in the Ward limits on Sept.3.

The voters can produce any of the 22 documents as proof of their identity for casting vote — Passport, Driving License, Income Tax ID card, Bank or Post Office pass book having photo, Aadhaar card, Ration card carrying photo, Senior citizens ID card issued by any Government Department etc.

Control Rooms

The District Administration has set up Control Rooms — 1077(DC Office) and at MCC Office Ph: 0821-2440890 or 2418800. The members of the public can call these numbers for any complaints regarding poll code violations, electoral malpractices and other violations.

The polling will take place with all Government SOPs on COVID. The voters are required to adhere to COVID appropriate behaviour. The voters who have tested positive for Coronavirus are allowed to cast their votes in the last hour (5 pm to 6 pm).

Election Commission directs for paid holiday in Ward limits

Mysuru, Sept.1 (DM)- With the by-poll for MCC Ward 36 scheduled to take place on Sept.3, the Election Commission has directed all Government Offices, Educational Institutions, Public Sector Units and Private Companies and Offices to declare a paid holiday for their staff on that date in order to enable them to cast their vote.

In a release, the Commission's Under-Secretary said that as per Karnataka Municipal Administration Act of 1977 and Representation of Peoples Act 1951, it is mandatory for all Public Sector and Private Sector Units, Offices, Industries and other commercial establishments to declare a paid holiday for their staff, daily wagers and other workers to facilitate them to take part in the election. The declaration of paid wage holiday is applicable to all Offices and establishments coming under Section 25 of Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, the release said.

Bike-car collision video at Panchavati Circle goes viral

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The driver of the car was approaching the Circle at a slow pace and suddenly, an over-speeding Sagar crossed the traffic signal in a hurry to reach the other end of the Kalidasa Road. This is a rather busy Circle where four sides of two main roads meet and usually vehicles are in a tearing hurry to cross the signal and there are many instances where vehicles are normally seen speeding even after the road signal showing red and criss-crossing to avoid the vehicles approaching from the other side.

Hitting the car, Sagar and Priyanka were catapulted 10 feet high and landed four feet away from their bike and injured.

However, it is not clear here as to who violated the traffic signal, whether it is the car driver or the bike rider.

The injured were admitted to a hospital and the V.V. Puram Police have registered a case. The car driver Mahadevaswamy has been taken into custody and is being questioned.

Rising prices of essential commodities

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Meanwhile, the prices of other essential commodities such as dals, millets and cereals and other grains have witnessed a rise of about 10 percent on an average over the past week.

The price of rice and sugar too have jumped marginally by Rs. 2 a kg in the past one week and so also the prices of most of other essential commodities.

The prices of dry fruits, such as anjoora, kharjura and badam, witnessed a huge jump over the past few days as a result of the crisis in Afghanistan, which is the main supplier of dry fruits to the country.

Karnataka directed to release 30.6 TMC water to TN

Bengaluru/New Delhi, Sept. 1 (UNI) - The Cauvery River Water Management Authority (CRWMA) has instructed Karnataka to release 30.6 TMC of water to Tamil Nadu immediately.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the Cauvery Management Authority on Tuesday here.

Speaking to the media after the meeting, CRWMA's S.K. Haldar said Karnataka was supposed to release 86 TMC of water by the end of August, but released 57 TMC. "So we told Karnataka to release the remaining water," he said. Tamil Nadu insisted on the release of 86.38 TMC water to Tamil Nadu from Cauvery.

The issue of Mekedatu also was discussed at the meeting, but postponed to a later date, due to lack of consensus between Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu Governments over the construction of a Dam across Cauvery.

E-tenders soon for pending Chamundi Hill works

Somanna Pratap Simha Somashekar

Mysuru, Sept. 1 (PM&BCT)- The stalled development works due to paucity of funds atop the Chamundi Hill will begin soon as the State Government will call for ad-hoc e-tenders soon. The projects were initiated in 2019 October by the then Mysuru District Minister V. Somanna on the lines of the hill shrine of Tirupati.

Already many development works have been completed at the Chamundi Hill for the convenience of the devotees like multi-level parking complex and a complex for vendors that can house 196 shops. Certain works were pending and now tenders will be called to complete them.

The total worth of the pending projects is Rs. 3.81 crore and they will be taken up on the land atop the Hill under survey numbers 33/2 and 35/1. A hard path will be constructed around the shopping complex with an estimated cost of Rs. 98 lakh to prevent water-logging and also to prevent slush in the area. Also, all the shops would be electrified for the vendors to do business after dark till the Temple is open.

Shopping outlets will be constructed on the main road towards the southern side at a cost of Rs. 95 lakh and Rs. 92 lakh will be spent on creating a food zone near the multi-level parking lot and near the shopping complex. Also, more shopping complexes will come up on the north side of the multi-level parking lot at a cost of Rs. 96 lakh.

Expressing gratitude to the State Government for clearing the e-tendering process, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha has thanked Minister Somanna and also the present District Minister S.T. Somashekar. These projects will increase devotee comfort and convenience and at the same time the place will attract more and more devotees, he said.

Kallahalli minors' love case

Depressed minor girl commits suicide

- **Girl's family members had allegedly killed the minor boy last April**
- **Police had arrested 17 persons including the girl's parents**

Mandya, Sept. 1 (Mohanraj &KS)- A minor girl, whose lover was allegedly murdered by her family members five months ago, has ended her life by hanging self on Tuesday.

Following the murder of the minor lover boy, the Police had arrested the girl's parents and had sent them to jail and the minor girl was housed at the Balamandira, located on the 14th Cross in V.V. Nagar at Kallahalli. It is learnt that the girl was depressed following the murder of her lover following which she hanged herself from the toilet window of the Balamandira using her veil at about 12 noon on Tuesday.

Details: The minors, residents of Kallahalli, were in love and the boy after failing in his SSLC exams had joined a garments shop for work. As their relationship had come to light, both the families had fought over the issue.

On Apr. 14 night, the girl, who called her lover over the phone, had asked him to come to the house. But when the boy came to the house, the girl's family members numbering more than 10 people brutally assaulted the boy and the neighbours, who heard the commotion from the house, had informed the boy's family members about it.

It is accused that though the boy's parents, who had rushed to the girl's house, pleaded with the girl's parents to let go their son, the assault on the boy did not stop. The boy, who was brutally assaulted, had sustained serious injuries and was rushed to the District Hospital where he was provided first-aid and was later admitted to NIMHANS in Bengaluru, where he succumbed to injuries. Following the case being registered, the Police had arrested 17 persons including the girl's parents.

During investigation, the girl had given her statements against her parents, it is learnt. The girl had reportedly told the Police that her parents and others had assaulted her lover with a pounding stick and sticks, when he came home. As she was not willing to stay in her house, she was housed in the Balamandira where she has allegedly ended her life yesterday.

Based on the information provided by Balamandira officials, Mandya West Police visited the spot, conducted mahazar and have registered a case.

'Caste census every 10 years can help in providing reservation to deserving population'

Siddharamaiah

Bengaluru, Sept. 1 (KMS&DM)- Batting for carrying out a caste census every ten years, Opposition Leader and former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah observed that this move can help in providing reservation to all the genuinely deserving sections of the society.

Speaking to press persons after undergoing a naturopathy treatment in the State Capital yesterday, Siddharamaiah contended that the Government's social welfare and economic programmes based on the caste census carried out 90 years ago was not correct.

Maintaining that deserving castes and communities are not getting their right share of reservation in the post-independence era, the Opposition Leader opined that conduct of a caste census every 10 years and providing reservation based on the data collected, will help in rendering justice to really deserving castes and communities.

Replying to a query on Mysuru Mayoral poll held recently, Siddharamaiah blamed the JD(S) for breaching the agreement reached between the Congress and JD(S).

Claiming that the JD(S) did not keep its words, he said that with all the three parties — Congress, BJP and JD(S) — fielding their own candidates, the BJP, which got the maximum support, won the Mayor post.

Responding to a question on Chamundeshwari JD(S) MLA G.T. Devegowda's (GTD) plans to join the Congress, Siddharamaiah admitted that GTD had spoken to him in this regard.

Asserting that it is true that GTD had asked the Congress ticket for himself and his son G.D. Harish Gowda in the next Assembly polls, Siddharamaiah said that, however, GTD did not make it clear on the Assembly segments he and his son would like to contest from.

Stating that he has told GTD that he would get back to him after consulting Congress in-Charge of Karnataka Randeep Surjewala, the Opposition Leader contended that barring GTD, no other JD(S) leader was in touch with him.

Crocs kill goats in Virija Canal near Ranganathittu

Forest Department places cage to trap the crocodiles

Palahalli, Sept. 1 (Palahalli Manju&KS)- Following complaints from villagers that two crocodiles had devoured their goats in Virija Canal near Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary in Srirangapatna taluk, the Forest Department personnel have swung into action to trap the crocs.

Initially, the Forest staff had spread nets in the canal to catch the crocodiles but as the crocs had torn the nets and destroyed it, they have now placed a cage, expecting the crocs to walk into it and get themselves trapped.

The cage has been placed near the canal in the field and the Forest staff has placed chicken meat in the cage to lure the crocs inside it.

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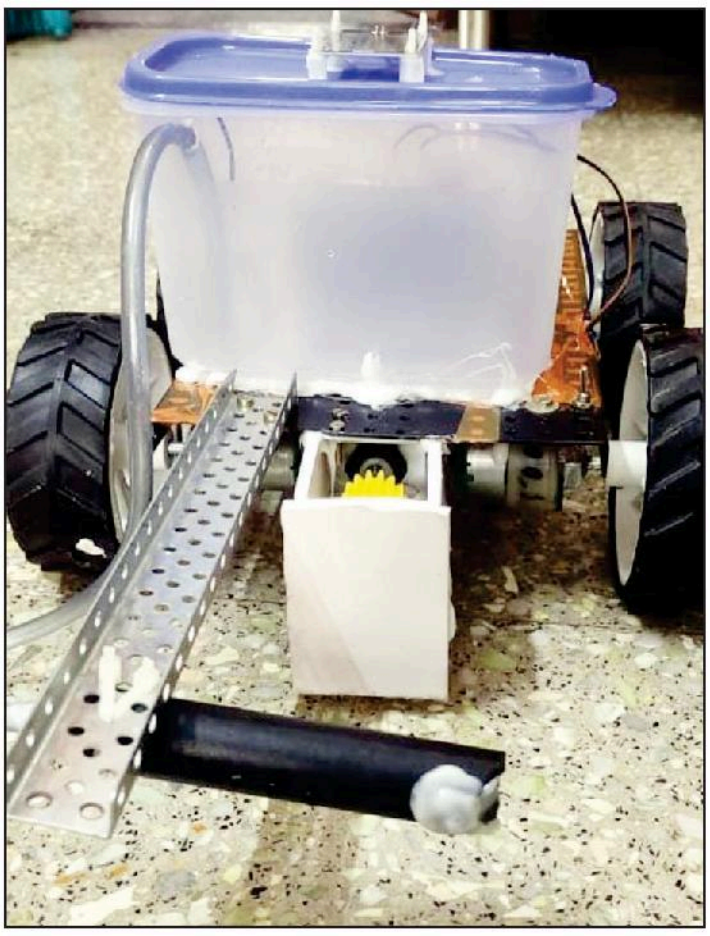
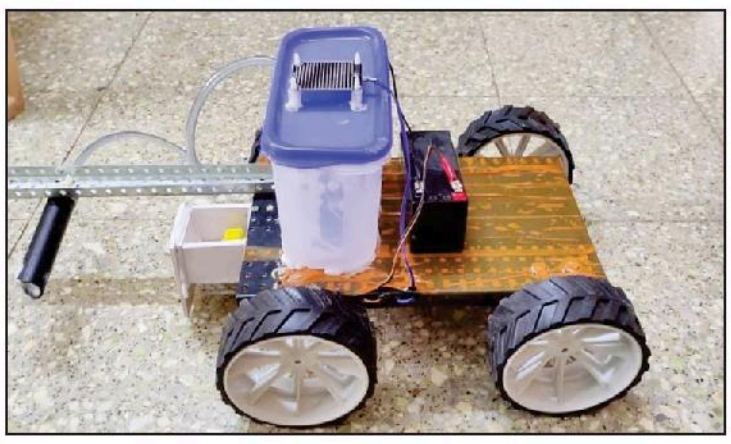
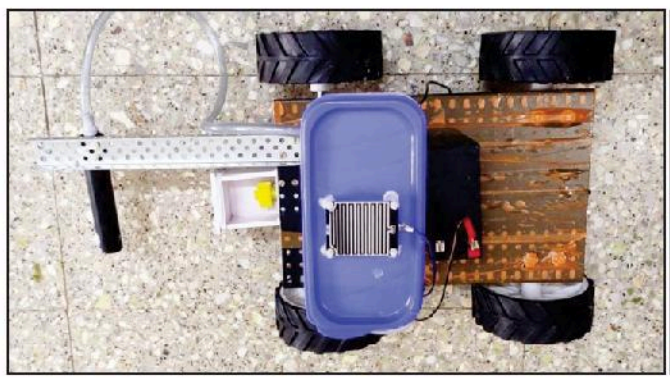
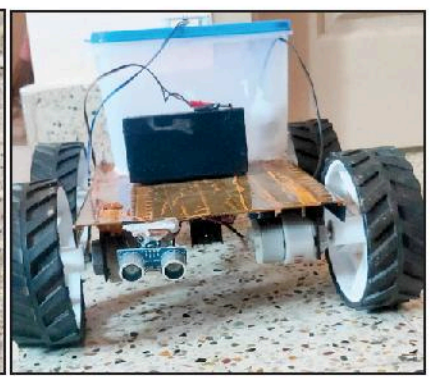


PES students develop Agribot for sowing, sprinkling







Mandya, Sept. 1 (BCT)- Introducing advanced technology in agriculture will surely enable farmers to get higher yield. The most difficult tasks in the farming process are sowing, cropping, irrigation and cutting. The purpose of automation is to eradicate the human clerical effort and to provide accuracy in the operations.

Students of Department of Industrial & Production Engineering, P.E.S College of Engineering, Mandya, have designed and fabricated an agricultural robot — Agribot — for seed sowing and sprinkling of fertilisers and water.

Automation in agriculture is still in the developing stage due to lack of technical knowledge, advanced technology and machinery. Hence using new technology in farming activity may provide greater support to farmers in seed sowing, fertilising and also sprinkling of water.

The Agribot comprises a sowing and water/fertiliser sprinkling system. Sprinkling of water is mainly based on weather conditions (temperature, humidity and rainfall). The Agribot starts to work once it receives the signal from an android app (Blynk), using a Wi-Fi module.

The robot's speed and directions can be controlled through blynk. The user has a facility to get weather details on the app. If the humidity is more, the sprinkler automatically sprinkles more water. Likewise, when rain is detected, the sprinkler is automatically turned off.

Seed sowing distance can also be controlled through the app with necessary changes in the code. There are separate buttons for navigation — right, left, front and back. If any obstacles are found in the way, the vehicle's motion is interrupted and an alert message is displayed on the screen. The entire operation of the vehicle is carried out using rechargeable batteries.

The Agribot has been designed by K.A. Krupa, K.P. Gowtham Gowda, D.R. Chidambar and H.C. Pramoda. They have been guided by Dr. B.S. Shivakumara of Department of Industrial & Production Engineering, P.E.S College of Engineering.

The overall cost of this prototype is Rs. 10,000. This can be used for crops like ragi, paddy, tomato, beans, cucumber, peas, groundnut etc. In general, 15 labourers cover over around 2 to 2.5 acres per day which costs over Rs. 6,000 (considering an average pay of Rs. 400 per day). The proposed single prototype covers around 1.25 acres to 1.50 acres per day.

If this is to be manufactured into a real-time vehicle, then various parts and designs need to be replaced accordingly so as to fit the larger agricultural requirements. Thus the cost might be approximately Rs. 45,000 to Rs. 50,000.

This can be further improved by providing a ploughing tool to plough the land which is followed by seed sowing and sprinkling. Also solar panels can be used for energy supply through batteries, the students said.

This provides a complete package for farmers along with energy and water conservation and is a one-time investment and can be used constantly. This apart, if one person in a village buys this, then he can rent it to others which is an economical way for other farmers too, they added.

PES students, who invented the Agribot *(from left)* ***H.C. Pramoda, D.R. Chidambar, K.A. Krupa and K.P. Gowtham Gowda.***

Karnataka to adopt 75 sportspersons shortly for Paris Olympics: CM

Bengaluru, Sept. 1 (UNI) - Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Sunday said the State Government will shortly adopt 75 sportspersons for preparing them for the Paris Olympics.

"I must congratulate our Sports Minister. Within a few days of my announcement of the Amrit Sports Adoption Programme, he has become proactive. Selection process for adopting 75 sportspersons for Paris Olympics is underway under the scheme. Selecting the right candidates also is equally very important," he said on the occasion of National Sports Day.

Bommai said the Government is planning to build sports complexes of international standards in every region of the State, where international sports persons are groomed and trained by international coaches.

The Government plans to draft former Olympians and international achievers as coaches at the sports complexes, he said.

"Building the right kind of coaches is a very big challenge. So, we have to coach the coaches first, then we can think about high standards," he added.

Bommai said the Government is also mulling to give employment to sportspersons. The Government has already allotted two percent sports quota of employment in the Police Department and is thinking of adding two more departments, he added.

Probably by March, Bommai said the Government would allocate a proper and adequate budget for sports.

Lauding Prime Minister Modi for launching Khelo India, he said the sports event has changed the mood of the youths and inspired them to play for the country.

"Representing the country is such a great honour. Such a great feeling. It increases the emotion quotient. This only is understood better by sportspersons who have achieved," he said.

Bommai said his Government will give due respect and position to all sportspersons. He said sports teaches to take victory and losses equally in stride. It also teaches to honour opponents, which is very necessary, more so for the politicians, he said.

Human-animal conflict on the rise again in Kodagu

KPCC Legal Cell President A.S. Ponnanna demands permanent project

Madikeri, Sept. 1 (PS&BCT)- Repeated incidents of man-animal conflicts are on the rise again in Kodagu and people are being killed as they are coming in the way of wild animals, especially elephants.

A.S. Ponnanna

Rapid decline in forest cover has reduced the inhabitable area and resources for elephants and as a result, they venture into surrounding human inhabited areas, killing people. On Monday, an estate labourer at Siddapura was trampled to death when he was on his way home after purchasing food grains.

Kariya (53) worked as a manual labourer in a private estate and after his death, Forest Department officers paid a compensation of Rs. 2 lakh.

The rampant man-animal conflict is highlighted in Kodagu only when there is a death. Though regularly people get killed and crops are destroyed on a daily basis, the news dies down soon after the compensation is paid.

Human-elephant interactions have become so commonplace in the district that they make news only if they turn violent and ugly. For example, the regular tiger menace in South Kodagu was highlighted only when three persons including a teenager was mauled to death last year and to catch the tiger, more than 300 Forest officers camped in Srimangala and surrounding areas for over a month.

The tiger menace hit national headlines but was quickly forgotten after the dead body of the big cat was found and after the families were paid compensation.

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Even before the tiger took three victims and even after the feline's death, many cattle heads were killed in South Kodagu and none of the deaths got the required attention and even the Department brushed them off saying those are stray incidents and they paid some paltry sum to the animal owner though the farmer had lost his means of livelihood.

Though many environmental activists have raised their voice against the Government apathy towards man-animal conflict in this tiny district, successive Governments have ignored them and have only made periodic announcements without doing anything concrete.

Though Kodagu farmers live in constant fear of the elephants, there is no animosity towards them as they have a long-standing relationship with them and know their behaviour, taste, habitat and also habits. Their anger is, however, against the Forest Department for not doing enough to protect them.

In March this year, the then Forest Minister Aravind Limbavali announced in the Vidhana Soudha that a Kodagu-specific Foundation will be formed to mitigate human-animal conflict. Sadly, only this announcement happened without the Minister outlining what the Foundation would do and what were its objectives. The announcement remains only on paper now.

Meanwhile, KPCC Legal Cell President A.S. Ponnanna has urged the State Government to implement a permanent project to prevent wild elephant menace in Kodagu. In a press release, he said that the Government has turned a blind eye despite the elephant-human conflict being on the rise in the district.

"The Forest Department has not ensured access of fodder and water to elephants in the forest and as a result elephants are straying into coffee estates, killing people. Agricultural crops have been destroyed by elephants and the Department has not been compensating the farmers who have suffered losses," he added.

"Solar fences and railway track fences installed to prevent elephant menace have been proven ineffective. Even the elected representatives of Kodagu have failed to raise the issue in the Assembly," he said.

'Constitute Expert Committee for out-of-the-box solutions'

Basavaraj Bommai

K.C. Biddappa

Mysuru, Sept. 1- In a letter to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, K.C. Biddappa, Senior Vice-President, ITC Ltd., (retd.) and Past President of Coorg Wildlife Society, has said that though the Forest Department is trying to control elephant menace through solar fencing and Railway track barricades, they have proved ineffective. "Proper fencing like tentacle fencing, radio collaring, clearing encroachment on the elephant corridor, selective sterilisation of bull elephants and creating a separate fenced enclave for elephants covering 150 to 200 acres inside the reserve forests with easy availability of fodder and water could be some of the solutions," he stated.

"The State should put up a strong case with the Union Minister for Environment and seek financial help. People of Kodagu have a Constitutional right to protect themselves and families from marauding elephants. They must be exempted from criminal prosecution when they are using a weapon for this," Biddappa, who is also a small coffee grower from Puliyeri village in Ammathi, Kodagu, opined.

A High-Powered Committee, consisting of expert retired senior Forest officials and wildlife experts, must be constituted along with current Principal Chief Conservators of Forest to undertake an in-depth study and find out-of-the-box solutions, he added.

Falling tree branches causing problems to residents of DVC Layout

Mysuru, Sept. 1 (RKB&KS)- Frequent falling of twigs and branches of trees on the road adjacent to Amma Complex at DVC Layout in Ramakrishnanagar E&F Block is causing a lot of problems to the residents especially motorists who travel on this road risking their lives.

"Twigs and branches of the trees on this particular road are falling frequently and motorists and pedestrians are now travelling on this road with constant fear. A few people have narrowly missed getting injured from the falling branches," said the residents.

The residents have urged the authorities concerned to prune the branches and remove weak and dry branches as they may fall on school children, senior citizens and others, who pass on this road daily.

Three elephants from Bandipur likely to take part in Mysuru Dasara

Gundlupet, Sept. 1 (KS)- Three elephants from Rampura Elephant Camp in Bandipur — Chaitra, Lakshmi and Parthasarathy — are likely to take part in this year's Dasara celebrations in Mysuru.

These elephants have been identified in the primary stage of the selection process.

Yesterday, a team of Forest Officials led by Mysuru DCF Dr. K. Karikalan visited the camp and selected the above two female elephants and one male elephant in the primary stage of selection process.

Discussions on the selection of elephants to take part in Mysuru Dasara will be held at the Dasara High-Level Meeting on Sept. 3 and the elephants selected at the meeting will take part in the Dasara celebrations.

Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme: Offer available at Post Offices

Mysuru, Sept. 1- The Postal Department has introduced Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme for the year 2021-22, in which the members of the public can invest at their nearby Post Office till Sept. 3, 2021.

The minimum investment is one gram of gold and individuals and undivided Hindu families can invest up to 4 kg while Trusts and such other bodies can invest up to 20 kg in a financial year.

The Bond period is 8 years. After the expiry of the Bond period, the Post Office will return the money for the invested quantity of gold as per the market rate that prevails then. An annual fixed interest of 2.5 percent will also be paid on the investment.

For more details about the Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme, the members of the public can visit their nearest Post Office or call Ph: 0821-2417308 or 2417307 or Mob: 98451-07947, according to a press release from the Senior Postal Superintendent.

WORD OF THE DAY

Amenable

Pronunciation: uh-MEE-nuh-bul.
Meaning: Willing to agree to or accept something that is wanted or asked for.
Origin: Nowadays, amenable is often used to describe someone who is favourably disposed to something, but it ultimately comes from Latin minari, meaning "to threaten." Since the 16th century, English speakers have been using it in courtrooms and law with the meaning "answerable," as in "citizens amenable to the law." It later developed the meanings "suited" ("a simple function ... which is perfectly amenable to pencil-and-paper arithmetic"—Nature, April 1973) and "responsive" (as in "illnesses that are amenable to drug therapy"). It also came to be used of people with a general disposition to be agreeable—like Mr. Dick in Charles Dickens' David Copperfield, who was "the most friendly and amenable creature in existence."
Example: "Our arboreal past left us forever craving the dangling fruits of the forest, a supreme source of high-calorie sugars that ensured survival. ... But humans were just as amenable to dining on the bulbs, rhizomes and tubers of the savanna, especially once fire came along." — Bret Stetka, NPR.org, 18 June 2021.

THE ODD WORD

Abele

White poplar tree.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

A taste of your own medicine

Meaning: To indicate that someone is sampling the same unpleasantness they've been dishing out to others.
Origin: The origin of the phrase 'a taste of your own medicine' comes from Aesop's famous story about a swindler who sells fake medicine, claiming that it can cure anything. When he falls ill, people give him his own medicine, which he knows will not work.
Example: "I don't feel at all sorry that people are calling you names. You're getting a taste of your own medicine."

QUOTE BOX

Always laugh when you can, it is cheap medicine.— **Lord Byron**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus

WIND *OW!*

Answer: Window-pane.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Undercover cop, in short
5 Spoke or uttered
9 Std. temp. & press.
12 UP town
13 Ever present as a prefix
14 Letter before psi
15 Climbing plant which bears grapes
16 Understand or interpret
18 Acts against with force, assaults
20 American Auto. Assoc.
21 Step in ballet
22 Blows up like volcano
25 Doorkeeper
28 Rock group Pearl ____
29 Another word for 'anger'
30 Berlin negative
31 Rumanian coin
32 Use the big needles
33 Abstract noun suffix
34 Nevertheless
35 A bar of metal
36 Foray, raid
38 Large Scale Integration, abbr.
39 Grow old
40 Blocked up or obstructed
44 Delusive mental disorder
47 Intensely dislike
48 Part of a circle
49 Kerala festival
50 Betting machine
51 Degree of sorts
52 Grecian portico
53 It's insulting not to speak distinctly

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

V	E	N	D	■	S	S	E	■	M	O	O	D
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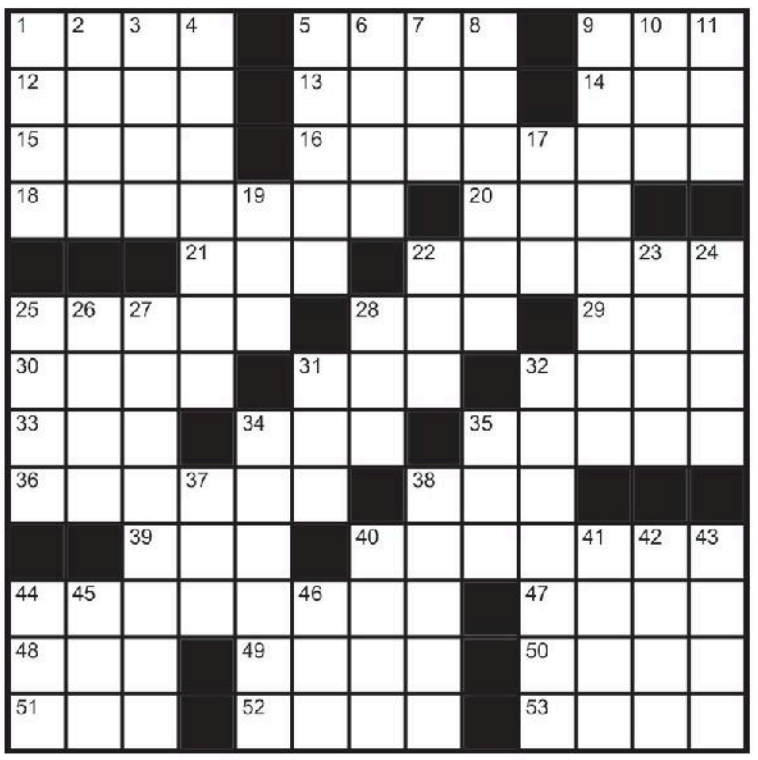
T	A	L	C	■	M	O	N	O	T	O	N	Y
A	N	T	S	■	S	S	C	■	E	R	S	E

DOWN

1 Famous Russian river - "vane" anagram?
2 Working (2,2)
3 __and rave:behave like a lunatic?
4 Depreciate or degrade
5 Put them on before you wear your shoes?
6 Minor prophet of the Biblical times - " so ma" anagram?
7 Hotel that's not "out" by the sound of it?
8 Relieve of weaponry
9 Abrading; economising or skimping
10 Wed successor
11 A dish with pastry on the top
17 Greek letter
19 Ford for one, Maruti for another?
22 Seine's contents
23 Singing group
24 The badger's home is called this
25 E pluribus __
26 Antitoxins
27 An absolute ruler
28 Spout or spurt out
31 Colloquial word for a lord?
32 Round table men
34 ____ Aires : Argentina's capital city
35 Prefix meaning equal
37 Turkish title
38 South American camel
40 Farewell in Firenze
41 A prison
42 You too in Latin (2,2)
43 Moose or caribou
44 Fryer
45 ___ is long and time is fleeting.....?
46 Ontario, in short



SUDOKU

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				9				6
		2	3					5
	3	7		5	8			

Answer to previous puzzle

4	2	8	7	1	3	5	9	6
6	5	7	4	9	8	2	1	3
3	9	1	5	2	6	7	4	8
9	8	6	1	4	5	3	2	7
1	4	5	2	3	7	8	6	9
2	7	3	8	6	9	1	5	4
7	3	4	9	5	2	6	8	1
8	1	2	6	7	4	9	3	5
5	6	9	3	8	1	4	7	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

ML BCGGFY BFGYVFP YXL LJNP YFGTHLR FQ FYXLVR;

EHY C TFFK PNQL LGCEPLR HR YF KNRVLTCVK YXLZ.

TODAY'S CLUE: M EQUALS W

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Doing nothing is very hard to do ... you never know when you're finished.

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

Mahadeshwara Theatre **Mob: 9900820093**
Seetharam Benoy Case No. 18 (K) - 4 shows

Padma Theatre **Ph: 2521923**
Krishna Talkies (K) - 4 shows

Woodlands Theatre **Ph: 2422871**
Bell Bottom (H) - 4 Shows

Balaji Theatre **Ph: 2497199**
Chehre (H) - 3 shows

Uma Theatre **Ph: 2520009**
The Last Horror (H) - 4 shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Seetharam Benoy Case No. 18 (K)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
Chehre (H)	(S-1)	3.40 pm
		6.20 pm
	(S-3)	11.15 am
The Conjuring (E)	(S-2)	11.00 am
		6.25 pm
Sridevi Soda Center (Te)	(S-2)	3.25 pm
	(S-3)	6.05 pm
Krishna Talkies (K)	(S-3)	3.15 pm
Bell Bottom (3D-H)	(S-4)	10.50 am
Bell Bottom (H)	(S-4)	1.20 pm, 3.55 pm
		6.25 pm

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Chehre (H)	(S-2)	10.45 am
		2.00 pm
		5.15 pm
	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Bell Bottom (3D-H)	(S-1)	11.30 am
		2.30 pm
Bell Bottom (H)	(S-1)	5.30 pm
	(S-3)	10.30 am
		1.30 pm
Sridevi Soda Center (Te)	(S-4)	5.00 pm
Krishna Talkies (K)	(S-4)	1.40 pm
Groufie (K)	(S-4)	11.00 am

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		2.00 pm
		5.00 pm
Sridevi Soda Centre (Te)	:	10.05 am
		1.40 pm
		5.15 pm
Demon Slayer: Mugen Train (E)	:	4.15 pm
		5.30 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Groufie (K)	(S-1)	11 am, 4.30 pm
Jeevnane Natka Samy (K)	(S-4)	11.30 am, 4 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Tokyo Paralympic Games (August 24 - September 5)

India's Mariyappan Thangavelu wins silver,

Sharad takes bronze in Men's High Jump (T63)

India's Mariyappan Thangavelu** (left) **and Sharad Kumar** (right) **won a silver and bronze respectively in the men's high jump (T63) event yesterday. The event was won by USA's Sam Grewe.

Tokyo, Sept. 1- India's Mariyappan Thangavelu won the silver medal while Sharad Kumar brought home the bronze in men's high jump (T63) at the Tokyo Paralympics on Tuesday.

Thangavelu cleared 1.86m mark to win silver medal, while Sharad Kumar cleared 1.83m. Varun Singh Bhati, the third Indian in the fray, finished 7th in the event, managing to clear only 1.77m. USA's Sam Grewe cleared 1.88m to win the gold medal in the event.

Thangavelu and Sharad Kumar took India's medal tally at the Tokyo Paralympics to 10.

Thangavelu had won the gold medal at the 2016 Rio Paralympics, while Varun Singh Bhati had brought home bronze.

Earlier in the day, shooter Singhraj Adana fetched a bronze in men's 10m air pistol SH1 event.

India has won two gold, five silver and three bronze medals at the Tokyo Paralympics so far.

Bhavinaben Patel had opened India's account in Tokyo with her silver medal in Table Tennis Women's Singles (Class 4) on Sunday and then Nishad Kumar brought home the silver medal in Men's High Jump (T47), before a medal rush on Monday.

Shooter Avani Lekhara and javelin-thrower Sumit Antil won two gold medals for India on Monday. Devendra Jhajharia and Sundar Singh Gurjar won silver and bronze respectively in Men's Javelin-Throw (F46) while Yogesh Kathuniya also won a silver medal in Men's Discus (F56).

PARALYMPIC MEDAL COUNT

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	64	39	32	135
2	Great Britain	29	23	30	82
3	RPC	26	17	34	77
4	USA	24	25	16	65
5	Ukraine	15	33	20	68
6	Netherlands	15	9	10	34
7	Brazil	14	11	19	44
8	Australia	13	21	21	55
9	Italy	11	19	15	45
33	India	2	5	3	10

[Table Updated at 10.30 am - Indian Standard Time]

NOTE: Catch live actions on Doordarshan and Eurosport

Staging of mega play 'Parva'

Mysuru, Sept. 1- The shows of Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa's mega play 'Parva,' which were stopped due to COVID-19, will now restart from Sept. 4 on every weekend. The play will be staged on every Saturday and Sunday from 10 am at Bhoomigeeta in Rangayana. Tickets are priced at Rs. 250. To book tickets in advance, visit: ***www.rangayana.org***

The show will be of 7-and-a-half-hour with four breaks.

EVENTS TOMORROW (SEPT. 2)

- **Mysuru District SC and ST Industrialists Association:** Divisional-level Grievances Meet, Rajya Sabha Member & State Dalit Industrialists Association President Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah inaugurates, Mysuru District SC and ST Industrialists Association President R. Manjunath presides, Karnataka State Dalit Industrialists Association Secretary C.G. Srinivasan offers floral tribute, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **11 am.**
- **District Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru, Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota, Sri Nataraja Women's PU College, Sri Nataraja Pratishtana, Sri Hosmutt, Mysuru and Tara Printers, Mysuru:** Books release — 'Madeshwarara Sahityika Nelegala Hudukata' and 'Nadedadida Devaru' — by Karnataka Border Area Development Authority Chairman Dr. C. Somasekhar, Sri Chidananda Swamiji graces the occasion, District Sharana Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Helavarahundi Siddappa presides, Nataraja auditorium, Sri Hosmutt, **11 am.**

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2	LECTURER IN COMPUTER SCIENCE	1	M.Sc., / MCA	3 PM
3	LECTURER IN STATISTICS	1	M.Sc.,	4 PM
4	PHYSICAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR	1	M.P.Ed.,	4: 30 PM

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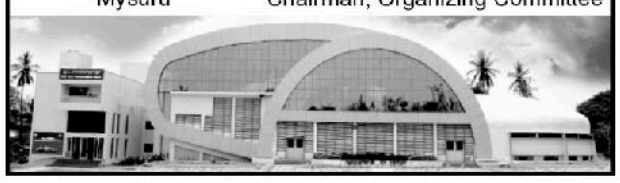

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